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2. "In Bulgaria cigarettes are being sold on stands in towns and at railway sta-  
tions. in grocery stores and in the so-called general cooperatives in the villages.  
On sale are cigarettes called Udarnik (sert - sharp) third /sic/ and sort;  
they cost 1.40 lev per package for 20 cigarettes. Monopol and Buzludja (javasz -  
mild) third /sic/ sort - 1.40 lev per package. The most popular are second /sic/  
sort cigarettes 'Tcherveno /name and Arda' - 1.80 lev per package, as well as  
first sort 'Melnik, Rodopi' and others for 2.40 per package.

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3. [ ] not seen ordinary tobacco, pipe tobacco, or cigars on sale. There  
is no tobacco - as there was not before World War II - for making cigarettes.  
Many workers collect cigarette ends, empty them and then make cigarettes with  
newspaper. They joke that this is the best tobacco as it's the mixture of all  
sorts of cigarettes. People have no money. They do not have enough to buy  
cigarettes, and this way they reduce spending money on smoking. The peasants  
who cultivate tobacco are making cigarettes out of newspaper and tobacco  
leaves prepared by themselves. This practice is forbidden and legally prose-  
cuted, but in spite of this it is a very widely spread habit. Only in the villages  
can one see people smoking a pipe, and they also make tobacco for their pipes  
in secret.

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4. [ ] there was no shaving soap. The workers shaved  
usually once a week and applied ordinary soap, which had been on sale. [ ]  
[ ] there were 250 soap pieces each weighing 250 grams and  
costing two leva. [ ] sold five pieces; [ ]  
[ ] The workers washed their linen without soap. They boiled  
it longer and tried to wash out what they could. German and Czech razor blades  
were on sale. [ ] sold one blade for 0.80 lev. A

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few shaving brushes were in the shop. The most ordinary sold for 4.20 leva each but nobody bought them. [redacted] 25 tooth brushes and left 24. [redacted]

[redacted] They were wooden and very poor; the price was 2.40 per piece. [redacted]  
[redacted] tubes of 'Ideal' toothpaste - the price 2.50 leva each. [redacted]

[redacted] Rosa toothpaste [redacted]

[redacted] three leva. [redacted]

[redacted] The paste was very good. [redacted]

5. "A shave in a barber shop cost one leva; a shave and a haircut 1.80 leva. Customers were called by numbers which were obtained from the cashier. Usually [redacted] a tip of 0.20 leva. The barber shops were not crowded. [redacted]

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